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Bayou Casotte Home Burns, Occupants Suffer From Flame

Three Pascagoula residents were severely burned last Friday morning when fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed their nine-room residence at Bayou Casotte. The trio, Emanuel Sigalas, 32; his wife, Evelyn Sigalas, 25; and his brother George Sigalas, were treated at the Jackson County Hospital for second degree burns.

The two Sigalas men were burned about the hands and arms when they beat the fire out of Mrs. Sigalas' clothing which caught fire as she descended the stairway leading from their upstairs bedrooms.

The fire originated in the kitchen of the home. Mrs. Sigalas discovered the fire when an alarm clock rang about 5 o'clock in the morning. Looking out the bedroom window they saw the entire kitchen ablaze.

Peter Sigalas, 75, father of the two men, and the six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sigalas, escaped without injury.

Emanuel Sigalas drove the injured persons to the Jackson County hospital in his car, where they received treatment. The burn on his hands were of such nature that his hand frequently stuck to the steering wheel.

An alarm was turned in to the Pascagoula fire company but the flames were beyond control when they reached the scene. The firemen had considerable difficulty in saving the two-story home of Theo Webb which adjoined the Sigalas residence.

Lack of adequate water supply in this section, which is out of the city limits, handicapped the firemen also and limited their operations to that of the booster pump.

All furniture as well as the house itself was lost in the conflagration.